



PRESS RELEASE

From the office of:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Criminal Charges Filed in Blaine Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash Involving a Bicyclist

The suspect in the March 20, 2020 fatal motor vehicle crash involving a male teenager on a bicycle in the City of Blaine has now been charged by formal complaint. Suspect has been identified as Daniel Aaron Rodman, age 28, of Blaine, MN. By formal complaint, he is now charged with two counts of criminal vehicular homicide:

1. Criminal vehicular homicide (negligence and under influence of alcohol and controlled substance)
2. Criminal vehicular homicide (negligence and under influence of an intoxicating substance)

The crash remains under investigation by the Blaine Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol, Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. No additional information will be released at this time.

Lieutenant Andy Knotz
(763) 324-5004

State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2020-00660
Court File No. 02-CR-20-1773

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIEL AARON RODMAN DOB: 04/17/1991

6880 147th Avenue NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Criminal Vehicular Homicide (Negligence and Under Influence of Alcohol and Controlled Substance)

Minnesota Statute: 609.2112.1(a)(2)(iii)

Maximum Sentence: 0-10 Years and/or \$6,000.00 - \$20,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/20/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20067578

Charge Description: On or about March 20, 2020, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, DANIEL AARON RODMAN, did cause the death of a human being not constituting murder or manslaughter as a result of operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner while under the influence of any combination of alcohol and a controlled substance.

COUNT II

Charge: Criminal Vehicular Homicide (Negligence and Under Influence of an Intoxicating Substance)

Minnesota Statute: 609.2112.1(a)(5)

Maximum Sentence: 0-10 Years and/or \$6,000.00 - \$20,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/20/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20067578

Charge Description: On or about March 20, 2020, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, DANIEL AARON RODMAN, did cause the death of a human being not constituting murder or manslaughter as a result of operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner while under the influence of an intoxicating substance and the person knows or has reason to know that the substance has the capacity to cause impairment.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At approximately 6:36 PM on March 20, 2020, officers from the Blaine Police Department and Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a motor vehicle which had struck a bicyclist in the 1200 Block of 129th Avenue, in the City of Blaine, within Anoka County.

Upon arrival, officers observed AJJ (a juvenile male, fully identified in the reports), lying on the roadway. AJJ had sustained extensive injuries, and was pronounced deceased at the scene a short time later. Witnesses described that AJJ and two friends had been riding bikes and skateboards eastbound on 129th Avenue when a silver car struck AJJ. Witnesses described that AJJ and his friends had been riding in the roadway, but were sufficiently off to the side to avoid impeding traffic, and that any oncoming traffic would have had a full opportunity to see them and avoid a collision.

Officers then observed a silver 2005 Saab at the scene which had significant front-end damage. Officers identified the driver of the Saab as DANIEL AARON RODMAN (DOB 4-17-1991), hereinafter the defendant. The defendant stated that he had finished work, had one beer at a friend's home nearby, and was driving westbound on 129th Avenue when he struck AJJ.

A preliminary PBT of the defendant registered a BAC of .011. The defendant also reported to officers that he was taking a number of prescription medications. Three different officers who spoke with the defendant independently reported the smell of marijuana emanating from him, however, the defendant denied using any marijuana.

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) was called in to examine the defendant. During his examination of the defendant, the DRE noted that there were several psychophysical indicators of impairment, including poor balance and inability to perform basic movement tests. The DRE also determined clinical indicators of impairment, such as eyelid tremors, elevated blood pressure and pulse, as well as large pupil size and rebound dilation. In addition, the DRE noted that several of the prescription drugs taken by the defendant result in elevated impairment when combined with alcohol and/or marijuana. The DRE concluded that the defendant was unable to safely operate a motor vehicle due to being under the influence of marijuana and/or prescription drugs and alcohol.

A sample of the defendant's blood was taken and is undergoing toxicological testing.

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Cullen Czech
Deputy
10801 TOWN SQUARE DRIVE
NE
BLAINE, MN 55449
Badge: 272

Electronically Signed:
03/23/2020 12:39 PM
Anoka County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Wade A. Kish
Assistant County Attorney
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-2265
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Electronically Signed:
03/23/2020 12:08 PM

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on _____, _____ at _____ AM/PM before the above-named court at 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

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Execute in Border States

ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: March 23, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Jenny Walker Jasper
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 03/23/2020 12:56 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Daniel Aaron Rodman

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of
Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: